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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants submit concurrently herewith three sheets of annotated drawings with proposed changes thereto shown in red ink, accompanied by three sheets of formal replacement drawings incorporating such amendments.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (3)
Annotated Sheets (3)

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Further consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for finding allowable subject matter at claims 1-19 and 40-44.

The Examiner's attention is also drawn to the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08a citing U.S. Patent Nos. 5,991,390 and 6,594,357, which are referenced and explained in the specification. In the case of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,390, the specification has now been updated to indicate that it corresponds to International Publication No. WO 96/31044, which is already of record in this application. As the Examiner no doubt already appreciates, the presently claimed invention represents an improvement over what is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,991,390 (and its PCT equivalent WO 96/31044).

The IDS Fee for this stage of prosecution is also attached because although the '357 patent has been described in the original specification, it does not appear to have been officially made of record yet in the present application.

As requested, the specification and abstract have been reviewed and amended above so as to place them in more traditional U.S. style format. Corresponding changes to the drawings have also been effected as noted above.

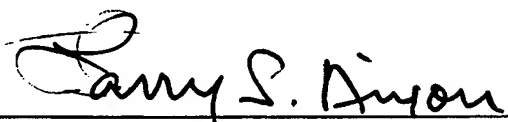
Accordingly, all outstanding formal issues are now believed to have been resolved in the applicant's favor.

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There being no other outstanding issues, this entire is now believed to be in allowable condition, and a formal notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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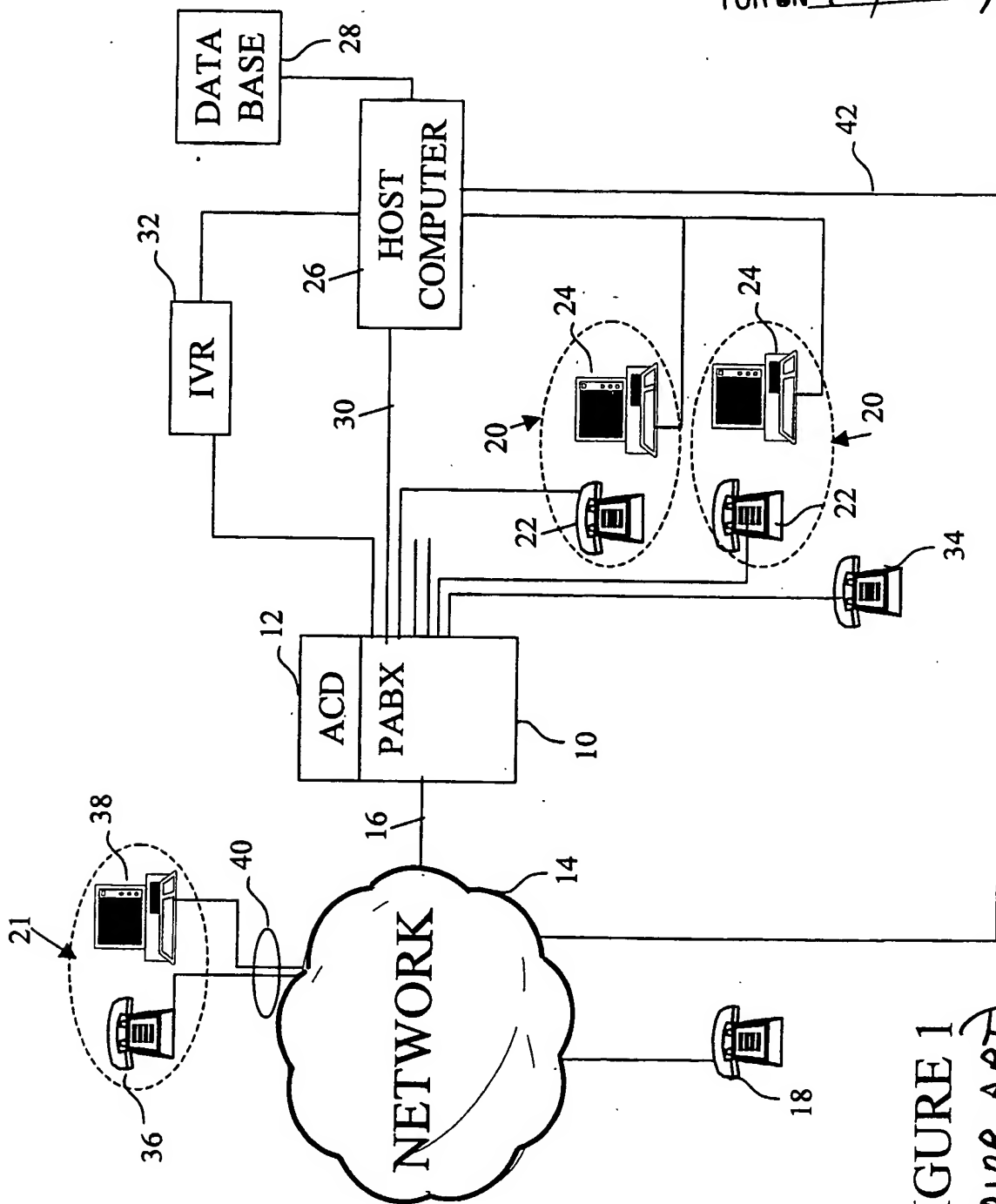


FIGURE 1
(PRIOR ART)

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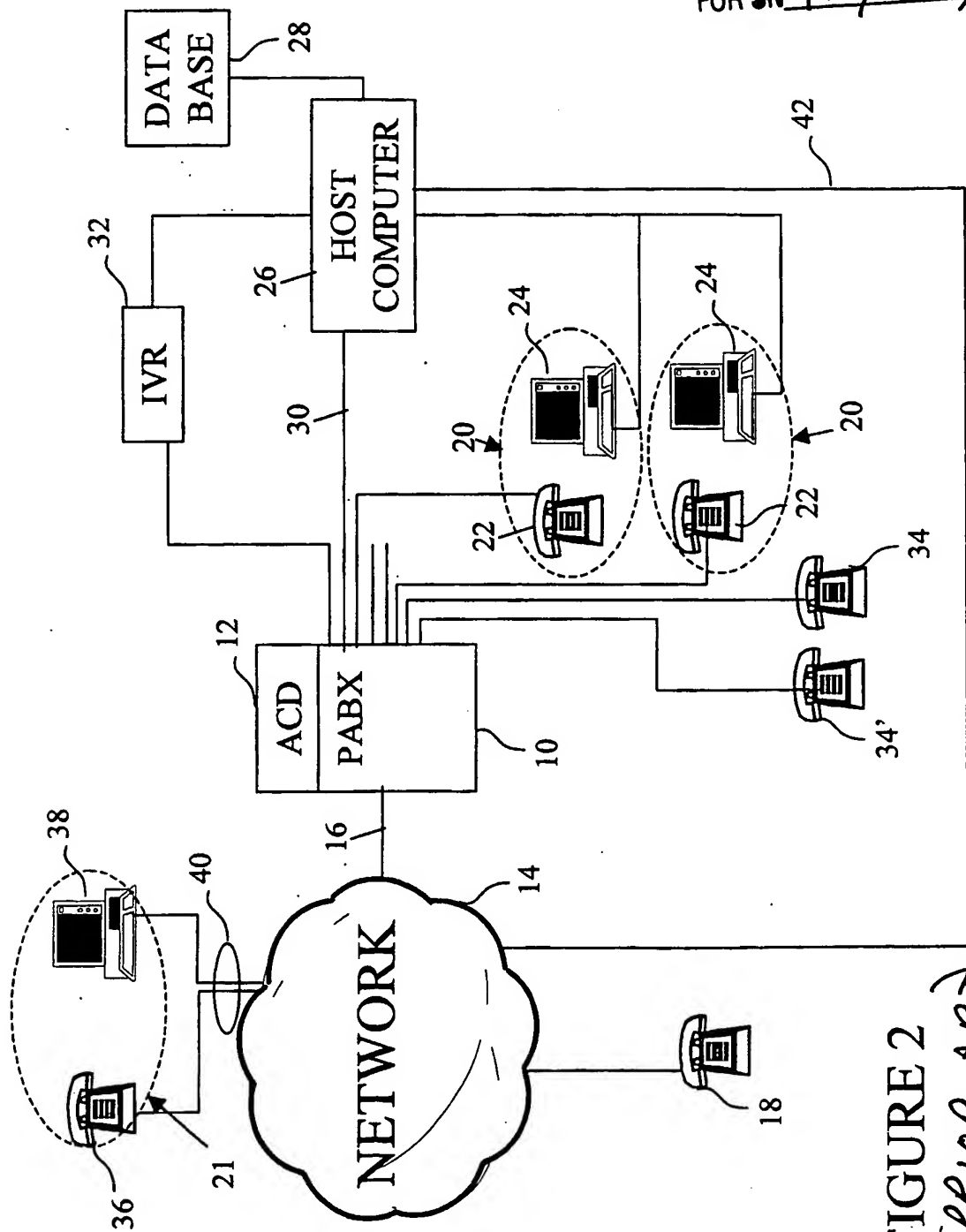


FIGURE 2
(PRIOR ART)

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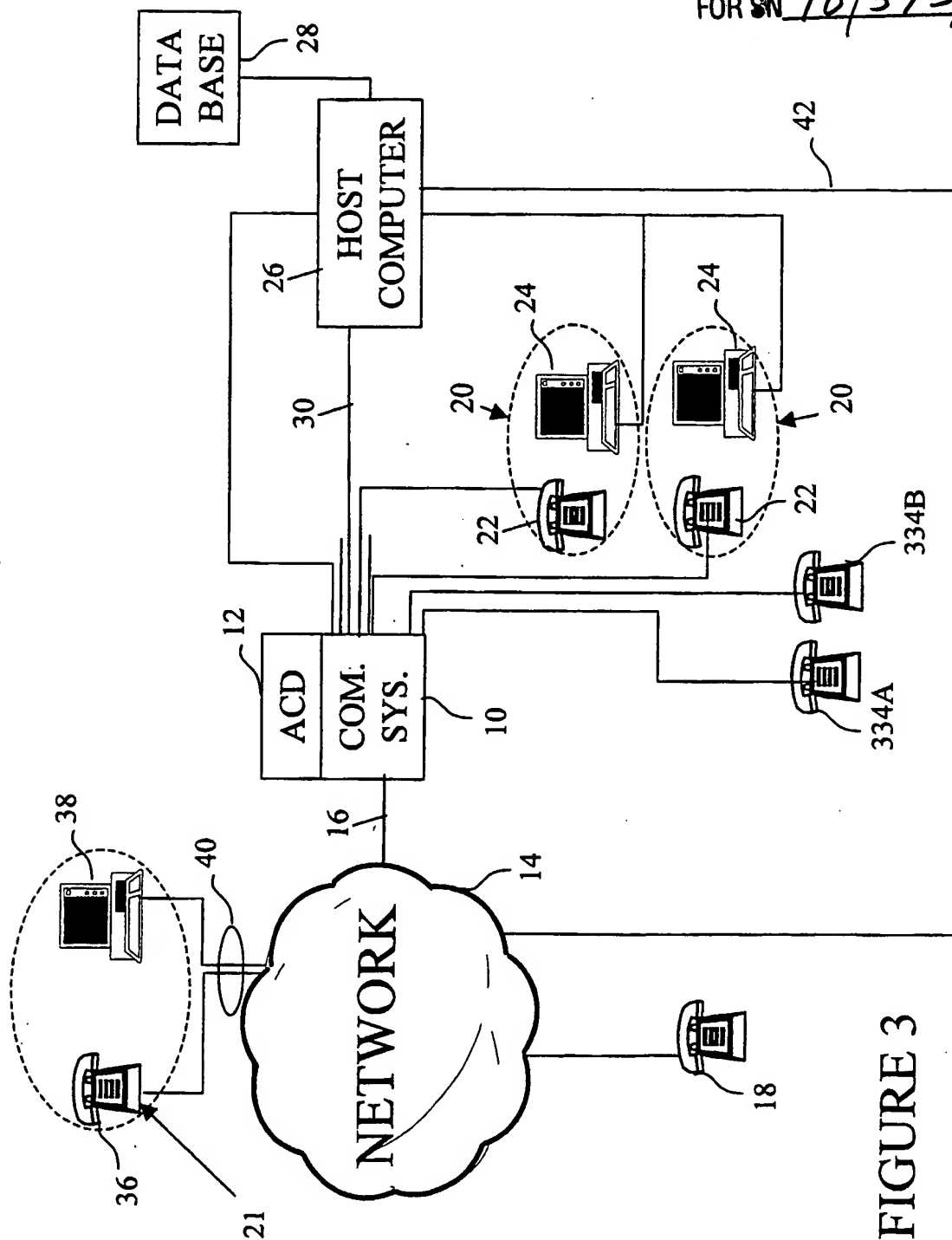


FIGURE 3